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Kieren MacDuff, 4, gets his face painted at the circus on April 6 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. See story on page 26.

Pinestone GM leaving despite 'phenomenal' support

By Mark Arike
 Staff Writer

Matthew Phillips is readjusting his priorities.

The current general manager of the Pinestone Resort recently announced that he will be stepping down from his current position for personal reasons.

"It was a completely personal decision as to why I'm leaving," said Phillips, who has held a GM position five times over the past seven years.

"Being a GM obviously takes a lot.

Being a GM of both properties took a lot, even though I had a hotel manager in Huntsville."

The 36-year-old became GM of the Pinestone just over a year ago. During this time he's also managed the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites in Huntsville. Both properties are owned by Vrancor Group.

"I know Pinestone needs someone that can give it a full 60 hours a week to get it to where it needs to be, and I can't live my life like that anymore."

Phillips confirmed that he had accepted a GM position at another resort, similar to

the Pinestone, in Huntsville, but decided to stay on in his position with Vrancor Group at the Holiday Inn. He has also agreed to be an "area support manager" one day a week when his replacement has been hired.

"It's too important for them [Vrancor Group] that we don't lose the progress that we've made here in the last year."

A few months ago he purchased a home in Huntsville, but said that didn't affect his decision.

The past year has been a challenge, but Phillips is thrilled with how the

community has embraced the resort's new direction.

"When we threw ourselves out there, that was very nerve-racking for me. ... To be accepted the way we were and to get the support we've had from the community has been phenomenal."

Although he will be spending more time in Huntsville, Phillips doesn't plan on cutting his ties to Haliburton.

"Haliburton has a special place in my heart," he said. "I am not going to be a stranger – to the community and to the people who are in it."

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Food Bank seeks Wilberforce base

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Highlands East will help seek funding to build an addition to the Lloyd Watson Community Centre to be used by the Wilberforce Food Bank.

On April 8, John Teljeur and Ken Mott, chair of the food bank, asked Highlands East council for their support in seeking the funding. It was not made clear at the meeting how much would be required to build the addition, which would be used to house a walk-in freezer and cooler unit, as well as storage for the food bank's merchandise.

"What we are proposing is to build an addition to this current facility [Lloyd Watson Community Centre], to add space for a permanent home for the Wilberforce Food Bank," Teljeur said. "The concept is more than just a food bank, it's a community-driven centre that will better service the people of Highlands East's a whole."

Teljeur said that throughout the year, the county's food banks get access to large quantities of food through the Ontario Association of Food Banks. The food can be anything from dry goods to fresh produce, however often the food banks cannot accept the shipments because they do not have the room or facilities to properly store them.

"If those [shipments] come to us today, the greater the chance we have to walk away," Teljeur said.

With the new addition, the food banks would have a central location to store the food, and it can then be distributed throughout the county. This is because all four county food banks partner with each other, he said.

But the facility will be for more than just food storage. Currently, people who use the food bank leave with a box of food, but it's not always what they want or need. The new model allows them to shop at the food bank with a buddy from the organization. This will allow them to choose what their families like to eat, but they will also learn how to shop for healthy foods. They will shop on a points-based system and will receive extra points for making healthier choices.

The families, and anyone in the community, will be able to access the community kitchens to learn to eat healthy.

"This is a community-driven organization and facility," said Teljeur.

Teljeur will seek funding primarily through the Ontario Trillium Foundation, which he said likes these types of community partnership programs. However, there are other programs that can be explored for funding options. The community will not be asked to fundraise for the project, he said.

Tax rate drops in Algonquin Highlands

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The total residential tax rate will decrease by 1.23 per cent in the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

That news was official following an April 4 council meeting, where council passed the township's 2014 budget.

"I think we did well," said Reeve Carol Moffatt. "There's no question that the airport project was a real challenge for us, but we did a really good job."

The total tax rate will be nearly .64 per cent, which results in taxes of \$637.22 per \$100,000 of assessment.

Since the cost of four new hangars at the Haliburton/ Stanhope Municipal Airport came in much higher than expected, staff had to tweak the budget before it could be approved.

"We jiggled and twiggled, and moved some money around within the existing budget," said Moffatt.

She explained that funds from a few small projects were redirected to help offset increased hangar fees, and that staff made adjustments within the existing levy.

A significant challenge staff and council had to deal with was the burden OPP billing reform could put on the township in 2015.

"One of the big challenges was the spectre looming over us of the potential change next year for OPP billing reform. So we were very aware that any decisions that we made this year, we might have to completely change next year."

The proposed billing model could increase the cost of policing services in the township from \$328,000 to \$1.6 million, or 36 per cent. The township was also faced with higher than usual heat, hydro and fuel costs this past winter.

"We did a lot of discussing and we did move money around for heat and hydro," said Moffatt.

However, despite higher operations costs, treasurer Tammy McKelvey reported that the budget represents the 2013 tax levy, plus two per cent and growth-related taxes.

"It's not that we're taking that much less from the public. We're still continuing with our small, incremental growth year-over-year," said Moffatt.

OPP Briefs

Pair charged with drug possession

Haliburton Highlands OPP officers have charged two men with possession of controlled substance after they were observed using drugs in a parked vehicle at Head Lake Park on April 6 at 11:30 p.m.

Alexis Clement, 20, of Haliburton, and Cameron Robertson, 30, of Peterborough, are scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on June 4.

Two men charged with fraud under \$5,000 in Wilberforce

Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a report of fraudulent activity in Wilberforce on April 1.

According to a police report, the officers were investigating numerous fraudulent transactions at the ScotiaBank branch there. As a result of the investigation, Theodore Howard, 35, and Walter Griffin Jr, 40, both of Minden Hills, were accused of having opened bank accounts and using them to conduct fraudulent transactions.

Both men were charged with fraud under \$5,000 and will appear in Minden at the Ontario Court of Justice on May 7.



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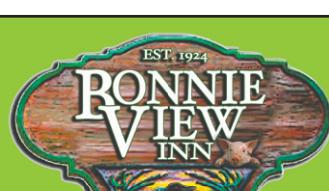
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Above: This personal aircraft fell through the ice on Little Trading Bay in Dorset. Right: The owner and pilot, Donald Shortreed (left), tries to figure out how to save his plane.

Pilot 'lucky to be alive'

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

An 80-year-old pilot is alive after his plane broke through the ice on Little Trading Bay, east of Dorset.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were called to Dorset on April 7 at 1:45 p.m. Donald Shortreed of Algonquin Highlands was taxiing his private aircraft in on Little Trading Bay when the plane fell through the ice.

He was able to escape the plane and was rescued by emergency crews from Station 60 while treading water in the lake.

"I just got the door open and got out before she started filling up with water," Shortreed told an aircraft maintenance worker who came to survey the damage.



Hours after the accident, Shortreed was back on the ice to determine how he might get his plane out of the water. The maintenance worker said the plane could likely be saved.

"That plane's his pride and joy," said a source close to the family. She said Shortreed had been flying for about 45 years.

The OPP say the plane was a 1977 Citabria single engine aircraft.

Shortreed was transported to an area hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and hypothermia.

"He's lucky to be alive," said a bystander.

The OPP are investigating the incident along with the Transportation Safety Board of Canada.

With files from Sue Tiffin

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Editorial opinion

Thank a volunteer

The Sunshine List came out last week. Like most people, I'm always curious – sometimes dubious – about the wages our mandarins are making. With their big six-figure salaries, they must be extremely important and productive, contribute to the betterment of our society, and integral to the every-day running of this province and its services.

Or not.

Sure, some of those people deserve the dollars they're making. But many others are being paid for a title, and little else. Can you tell me our government is so streamlined, our services so easily accessed, that the directors and managers – sitting pretty at \$200k per year – are doing a wonderful job? Didn't think so.

So it goes without saying then that one's salary doesn't define the importance of said person's job. Just because you're on the Sunshine List, doesn't mean you're really essential or all that important.

To further that thought, let's look at our local situation.

Here in Haliburton County, some of our most important people aren't paid at all. They are our volunteers. Without them, nothing would get done around here: people would freeze or starve in the winter, miss vital appointments; we wouldn't have the money we need to run our social or recreational programs. The place would just stop.

Our local service groups do so much for this community. They fund-raise for important causes and help organize and run events. Every year, the Lions help numerous groups with barbecues. The Rotary Club is always funneling money back into the community, and the Legions continue to look after our veterans.

All of these organizations are governed and run by volunteers.

Our health services organizations provide vital programs to county residents. They fill

service gaps in this community, making sure clients receive help before they need to access health care services, during their care, and after.

They work with our vulnerable residents to overcome poverty and food issues, age-related problems, and provide emotional support as well.

Again, these organizations wouldn't be able to offer any of their programs were it not for volunteers. It is simply not possible to pay appropriate wages for all the volunteer hours put in on a yearly basis. Community Care alone is likely to hit 29,000 volunteer hours this year, which at \$15 per hour would add up to an astounding \$435,000 in donated time.

We also have emergency service volunteers like firefighters and auxiliary police officers, cultural program volunteers, radio volunteers, miscellaneous volunteers, recreational programming volunteers, event volunteers, and the list could go on forever.

Our contribution to the Sunshine List isn't very long, but were we to create a Volunteer List, that would be another story. Our community's most important individuals don't get paid a cent. They are the volunteers that make this county run. They are the ones who give of themselves and their time to support this community. They sacrifice time with their families to give to strangers, and they do it without asking a thing in return.

It's volunteer appreciation week. While we may question what the Sunshine Listers actually do to earn their money, we see the impact of our volunteers around us every day. Many things we have here in the Highlands, we owe to them.

Go out and thank a volunteer today.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Down on the farm

It's no secret we have fewer young people than we should for a community of our size. While most areas of the country have experienced the effects of low birthrates, we have that on top of what's always been a typically rural problem: the lure of far-away places promising excitement and riches. It's hard for the Highlands to compete with the GTA for our graduates and once they go, they often don't come back.

This continuous brain drain has important consequences for our workforce and the livability of our community. It's great we're attracting retirees to the area, but they won't stay if there aren't any young people to provide the services many newcomers expect. Young people won't come either if we can't offer them an attractive lifestyle; peace and quiet for the average retiree looks a lot like boredom to someone under 40.

It's come to the point where we're now in a feedback loop where the absence of youth makes the Highlands less attractive to young people, as illustrated by the recent resignation of the Pinestone's general manager, Matthew Phillips. Phillips has exactly what we need in our future leaders: passion, skills and determination.

And now he's moving back to Huntsville.

In an attempt to reverse this kind of outflow, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has formed the Young Professionals Network. There's a Canoe FM interview on our website this week in which Rosemarie Jung and chair Heather Kennedy discuss why and how they're engaging our future business owners and community leaders.

One important reason they mentioned is succession planning. Business owners often have children who can take over the operation when they want to retire. But with even their kids leaving town for greener pastures, other options have to be considered.

Selling is an obvious alternative, but for most businesses the idea of getting a big cheque, walking out the door and spending

the rest of your life planning cruises is simply unrealistic. Rarely will someone pay you as much as you think your own business is worth; disappointment is almost guaranteed.

Realizing this, some owners plan to just shut their doors one day, leaving any value they've created behind. That's fine for those with a big nest egg, but for the community it's a loss of a local service or product.

There is a middle road, and that's where the chamber and YPN come in. With sufficient planning, a business can hire its future owner and train him or her for up to several years. On retirement, the purchase price of the business is amortized; instead of handing over a big cheque, the new owner pays a percentage of revenue to the seller for an agreed period of time. Sometimes the amount will depend on the seller's agreement to help the business succeed after the change in ownership, to ensure, for example, that client relationships are smoothly transferred.

This kind of strategy offers a win-win-win. A young entrepreneur gets access to a proven, established business and the means to purchase it without borrowing huge sums. The business owner gets a retirement income and peace of mind that a lifetime of work will continue. And the community keeps an enterprise that offers needed goods and services while contributing to municipal tax revenues.

What the chamber and YPN are actually doing is connecting a problem with a solution. Their creativity and initiative in working to attract and keep our youth while serving the needs of existing businesses is exactly the type of community-building we need to prepare for the future.

Bram Lebo is a Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce board member.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Re: Do your homework

Dear editor,

I appreciated the opportunity to participate in the discussion about the proposed OPP billing costs on Bram Lebo's radio program County Hot Seat on March 31 and offer the following in response to Bram's editorial in The Highlander on April 3.

The statement that there was no Haliburton County participation in "various consultations regarding the OPP billing model" is incorrect. We explained during the radio interview that Dysart representatives did attend in May 2013 (Minden Hills was in a state of emergency due to the flood so could not attend but had planned to). Municipalities in the county sent council and staff representatives to the next consultation at Orillia in November 2013. That's when everyone in the region learned the actual cost of the proposed model.

Several members of county council attended the annual Rural Ontario Municipal Conference in Toronto in late February 2014 to participate in a delegation with the Minister

of Public Safety to express our concerns over the proposed OPP billing model. We also spoke to several other Liberal ministers as well as the Leader of the Opposition expressing our concerns and building awareness among MPPs around the negative financial implications of the proposed OPP billing model.

In early March we obtained cost information for the approximately 40 "own" police forces in the province and saw that all have per household costs that are well above the proposed OPP costs. It doesn't look like a viable alternative.

During one of the breaks in the interview, Bram suggested to Laura and I that a business case on the costs of our own police force should only take a couple of weeks to prepare and that he would do it for a dollar. I'd like to take him up on his offer.

Barb Reid
Reeve
Township of Minden Hills

Community theatre alive and well

Dear editor,

On behalf of Highland Little Theatre, we thank all of those who supported, participated, and energized the presentation of You Can't Take It With You.

Highlands Little Theatre has been overwhelmed by the incredible positive response to assist in this production. Most importantly, we thank our patrons who took some of their valuable time to come and participate in community theatre in the Highlands these past few days. The enthusiastic audiences energized the cast and we sincerely hope you had as fun a time as

we had presenting it.

This has been the first step in the renewal process of Highlands Little Theatre. Community theatre is alive in the Highlands and the community should take a moment and pat themselves on the back for contributing to this step.

Stay tuned for more as we continue on this journey. We will be announcing our AGM soon and we would love anyone who wishes to contribute in any capacity to attend.

John Neving
President, Highlands Little Theatre

Making friends is so hard to do

How many friends have you got? I don't have many at all.

Some say that it's because I continually write about local folks in this column and am slowly alienating everyone in Haliburton County, but I don't think so. I think you guys are fairly open-minded, forgiving of my occasional literary slur on such local religions as hockey and curling, not minding if I poke fun at the Santa parade or bad mouth the cottagers (some of you probably think that a good thing!). At least I hope you are.

But when I ask how many friends do you have, I don't refer to your real life friends. I mean those others, the ones that you connect with via the computer. Your Facebook friends. Like I say, I don't have many at all, not Facebook friends. I do have a Facebook account, and I do post stuff on it, but there are only 57 'friends' that I subject to my abject ramblings, my pictures of prize fish caught, my videos of Little Z making fart noises... You see I have an aversion to 'friending' people whom I don't actually know very well, who I don't really consider to be friends, you know, in the actual sense of the word. I guess I can't get past the real

meaning of the word 'friend', and as such, I have not been able to amass the 500 plus Facebook friends as seems to be the thing to do in our digitally driven society.

Call me grumpy, call me a curmudgeon, call me what you like, but just don't send me a friend request unless we're on sociable let's-stop-in-the-street-for-a-chat kind of terms. And definitely don't send me a request if you're not even a person. I don't do friendships with businesses, charities or other inanimate bodies that can't actually laugh or cry when they feel like it.

Now this isn't to say that I don't entertain the possibility of new friends on Facebook from all walks of life. I have had numerous requests from peers in my profession and prominent members of society both here in Haliburton and back in London, England, too. And, in personal defence (and because I think of myself as not too grumpy a fellow) I do respond to these requests positively, rather than simply ignore them, as it is possible to do when someone is saying 'hi' via the wonders of social networking.

What I do is click 'accept friend' and then send them a little message that goes something like this: "Hi there, thanks for

Photo of the week



Photo by Tammy Nash

Hydro costs out of hand

Dear editor,

There comes a time when you feel you have lived too long.

I remember when Hydro in the early 70s was going door to door trying to talk people into putting in electric heat as a cheap and safe alternative to oil. Two decades later they were paying you to get rid of electric heat and go for some other alternative. Certainly gives you cause for concern that anyone down there knows what they are doing, especially when you consider the Nimbys in Oakville and Mississauga, who need hydro but wanted the plant built in Sarnia instead of their own back yard, have put us on the hook for a billion or so. Frankly this should be on their hydro bill, not mine.

So sitting here looking at my hydro bill, which has hit \$1,800 per month the past four months, and wondering where all the money is going, I decided to try an experiment.

I have a cat house (yes I said cat house) for strays to stay in during the winter. It is

6x12 feet, a whopping 72 sq. ft. It has a 6 ft. ceiling, divided into two storeys (cats are not as tall as people). The floors, walls and ceiling are fully insulated, it has finished interior surfaces and siding. The windows are low E thermal glass. The doors are insulated and have double barrier seals to keep out the cold. The cat doors are sealed and insulated to keep the residents from holding them open. Heat is provided by one 1,000-watt Dimplex high efficiency baseboard heater, and the digital thermostat is set at 60F. Light consists of three 7.5-watt led lamps.

Now that you have wrapped your head around all that, consider for a moment I hooked it to a 200-amp hydro service with nothing else on it. I have attached the hydro bill for one month, \$131.22. I think this speaks for itself. People think I am nuts, but I think the folks at Hydro One are one up on me!

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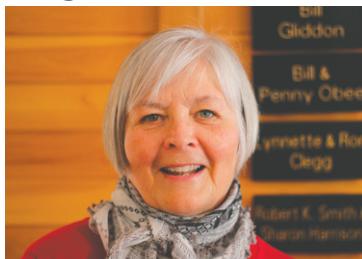
By Will Jones

a poo upstairs while the plumber was working on the pipes downstairs (thanks for that one Chubby, oh how it made me laugh), I want the chance to make sarcastic remarks about pictures of you when you were a teenager, I want to enjoy the unimportant snippets of your life that collected together make you the wonderfully funny and interesting person that I can consider my friend, my actual real life friend.

And on that note I have to apologize to two recent Facebook friends whom I purged just the other day. Dear Murray, dear Barb, while your friend requests were accepted, with some reverence in fact, neither of you has posted any hilarious pictures of yourself, nor made mention of the mundane silliness that I so enjoy hearing about from my friends. And so, I'm afraid you are officially unfriended. I hope the elections go well for you both and I shall enjoy discussing the politics of both your municipalities with you if I get a chance. However, I don't think we'll ever be friends, at least not the kind that I fraternize with on Facebook.

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: This is volunteer appreciation week. Do you do any volunteering?



Jess Jackson

Minden

Yes I am a volunteer at Kawartha Haliburton Victim Service where volunteers are available free of charge to provide emotional support, practical assistance and referral information to victims of crime and/or tragic circumstances, seven days a week.



Chris Lynd

Haliburton

I volunteer at the Arts Council and I am the chair of the board. It is a county-wide organization. We try to develop opportunities for economic development for the arts people. We support and promote the arts culture and heritage in the Highlands.



Lois Rigney

Lochlin

I help run the Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group. I also volunteer at the Lochlin United Church. I play the piano before the service and am on several of the church committees, and I volunteer at several other very worthwhile groups.

Norma Goodger

Kushog Lake

I volunteer at Stanhope Museum and the Kushog Lake Property Owners Association. I am the treasurer at the museum and I have done Heritage Day. Now I am looking for something else to volunteer at. I think that people need to rotate to keep fresh.



Teressa Clement

Minden

Yes I volunteer at several groups. I go to Highland Crest and sing and run the bingo. I also help regularly at the food bank and other places where I am needed. It is a great feeling to help people.

The perfect Storm: celebrating a championship season

Dear editor,

Back in August 2013 we selected 17 players to embark on a journey which would take us to the OMHA finals ending March 29, 2014, as our final destination.

With five wins in our first five league games, we were off to a strong start. Then we went right into the Bob Beaumont Tournament in Huntsville, winning all five games with a nail-biter against BCH Ice Dogs in the finals – a two-on-two triple overtime, 2-1 win. Thanks Matt! Our goals for and against for the weekend were 24-3.

We continued our winning streak until the final game in our home tournament, the Cody Hodgson Fall Classic, against Elmvale where we lost 5-3. It was probably the only game all season that I wish we could have a do-over.

Continuing to dominate the league, we ventured out for more tournaments which included the Bobby Orr Classic in Parry Sound, where we won in Game 5 defeating the Lincoln Blades 6-3 in the final.

From there we were off to our regional Silver Stick in Pembroke where we worked our way undefeated through five games to the finals. After a hard-fought game against the Mississippi Thunder, we lost 4-0.

We continued our journey, finishing our



regular league season with only two ties heading into the Muskoka/Parry Sound league tournament, where we won all five games, including a 4-0 shutout in the finals against Huntsville.

Starting the playoffs, we faced Parry Sound taking the series in three straight with a convincing 6-1 win in the last game.

The quarter-finals against a strong Ennismore team found us down a game after being dominated in the home opener

7-1. This was the wake-up call our boys needed as we came back to win three straight. Again, we closed out the series with a 4-0 shut-out.

Heading to Listowel for the semi-finals, we came across a tough group of oversized farm boys that took advantage of our smaller skilled players. A back and forth series found us advancing after a Game 5 win to the finals against a waiting Mt. Brydges team.

After a less than stellar performance

at home and losing the opener 4-3, we came back to win three straight with a convincing 7-2 final in Game 4 at a packed A.J. Larue Arena to become the OMHA Bantam B All Ontario Champions.

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April 10

9:00 am, CoTW meeting
Minden Council Chambers
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6:00 – 8:00 pm, Youth Softball Registration, Minden Community Centre, Room #3

April 11

1:00 – 5:00 pm, Youth Softball Registration, Minden Community Centre, Room #3

April 24

9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers
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Highlander arts

Minerals are us

Much of our culture here in the Highlands is shaped by the topography, a landscape rich in forests and lakes. But there's another section of our culture into which you need to dig a little deeper to fully appreciate. I'm talking about the minerals that reside, for the most part, beneath our feet.

We have a rich mineral heritage and in the not-so-distant past Haliburton County was pocked with mines. These mines extracted a variety of minerals, such as apatite for the making of fertilizer, corundum for its abrasive properties, nepheline used in the making of ceramics, iron (which lent its name to Irondale), and of course the dreaded uranium.

In fact tailings from uranium mines which have seeped into several water systems are partly responsible for sweeping our mineral heritage under the carpet and separating it from the overall cultural tourism initiative.

Michael Bainbridge aims to rectify the situation. Bainbridge is the Recreational Geology Project Coordinator for the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO), the huge, six county geographic area which includes Haliburton. The OHTO's mandate is to build and support a competitive tourism region through marketing and product development. Geo tourism represents one section of the marketing strategy.

I talked to Bainbridge recently at his home in Minden.

"My job with OHTO is to put together pieces

of the (geological) puzzle to create enervating tourism experiences," Bainbridge said. "In Haliburton County it's basically a question of rediscovery. What's missing is an appreciation of our mining heritage and a realization that our geology determines our culture."

By way of comparison in Lanark County they have a history of geo heritage, and there's a guided hike to a mine, where hardhats are made available for entry. Bancroft, which is in Hastings County, markets itself as the mineral capital of Canada, and their economy depends heavily on geo tourism. Their annual 'Rockhound Gemboree' in August attracts thousands of people from around the world.

Bainbridge mentioned the rediscovery of our own mining heritage, so it's ironic to realize that not only do many of the minerals and gems on display in Bancroft come from Haliburton County but also the fact that at one time there was a successful rock and gem show in Wilberforce.

Incorporating geo heritage as an integral component of the overall tourism experience here is not so farfetched. Some of the infrastructure is already in place. "A lot of the old logging roads, wilderness trails and cottage roads are old mining roads, and they give us spectacular access to the wilderness," Bainbridge said.

He interrupts his passionate verbal flow to retrieve a plastic container from which he carefully extracts wonderful crystalline

minerals of different colours and shapes. He tells me where in the county they are from and I'm amazed that one beauty came from South Lake Road, in my neck of the woods. I later discover that more than 300 types of minerals have been identified in Ontario's Highlands, 12 of which were original discoveries.

So where can you go to see some of these fabulous minerals?

To see them in their native state you can go to Greenmantle Farm, located just off the Essonville Line in Wilberforce. Owned and operated by Mark and Sandra Bramham, who give guided tours, Greenmantle contains the rare mineral fluororichterite as well as apatite, hornblende and tremolite. You are not allowed to take mineral samples from Greenmantle.

It's a different story in Tory Hill where you can go to the Bear Lake Diggings, the province's first publicly protected mineral collecting site. The list of minerals to be found is extensive and there is potential for the discovery of huge crystals.

The best place to see both rough and cut minerals from Haliburton County is at Natures Place in Minden. It's there, in two beautiful glass cabinets, that Bainbridge has created displays that dazzle the eye. All the minerals are from his personal collection and are accompanied by excellent descriptive notes. You can see calcite, purple fluorite, mauve and red wilsonite, dusky tourmaline, tremolite crystals from Salerno Lake and Miners

What's Up



Bay, mica, quartz, and beautifully cut apatite that looks, to this untrained eye, as stunning as any rare gem.

So even though there's a ways to go to maximize our geo heritage potential we do have a foundation. I asked Bainbridge how he'd like to see things develop in the future.

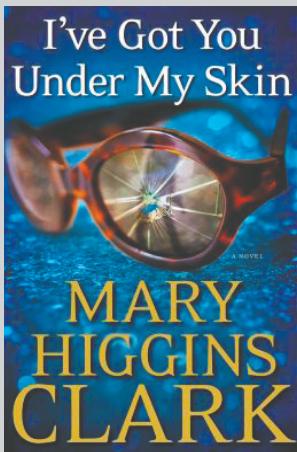
"I'd like to see more collecting opportunities at the Bear Lake Diggings, and I'd like to create some guided trails in Harburn Wells where there are some naturally carved holes in the ground which were made from the constant turning of glacial stones," he said. "And I'd like to see more signs, brochures and material in significant locations to enhance the interpretive geological experience. For instance, Panoramic Park in Minden would be a great site for interpretive signs to make the link between the landscape, geology and culture."

Michael Bainbridge has rekindled my dormant interest in minerals that peaked when I attended the Wilberforce rock and gem show years ago. It was a wonderful experience and the time is right to get something similar happening again in Haliburton County.

More information on minerals in our area can be found at ontariohighlands.ca/things-to-do/geology/geoheritage/

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



HCPL'S TOP FICTION

1. *I've Got You Under My Skin* by Mary Higgins Clark
2. *Keep Quiet* by Lisa Scottoline
3. *Medicine Walk* by Richard Wagamese

HCPL'S TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Flash Boys: a Wall Street revolt* by Michael Lewis
2. *Power Plants: simple home remedies you can grow* by Frankie Flowers
3. *Mend & Make Fabulous : sewing solutions & fashionable fixes* by Denise Wild

HCPL'S TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *The 39 Clues: Cahills vs. Vespers Book 6: Day of Doom* by David Baldacci (JF)
2. *Illusion* by Sherrilyn Kenyon (YA)

AUDIO AND VIDEO AT HCPL

1. *Anchorman 2* (DVD)
2. *Cavendon Hall* by Barbara Taylor Bradford (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

Starting April 17, Outreach Literacy in partnership with HCPL will be offering Computer Connections, a new eight-week program that links writing skills and computer knowledge. For adults between the ages of 19 - 64. Space is limited, and an initial assessment is required. Contact Debbie Hamilton at Outreach Literacy to register. 705-328-0472 or 1-888-665-6615 ext 925.

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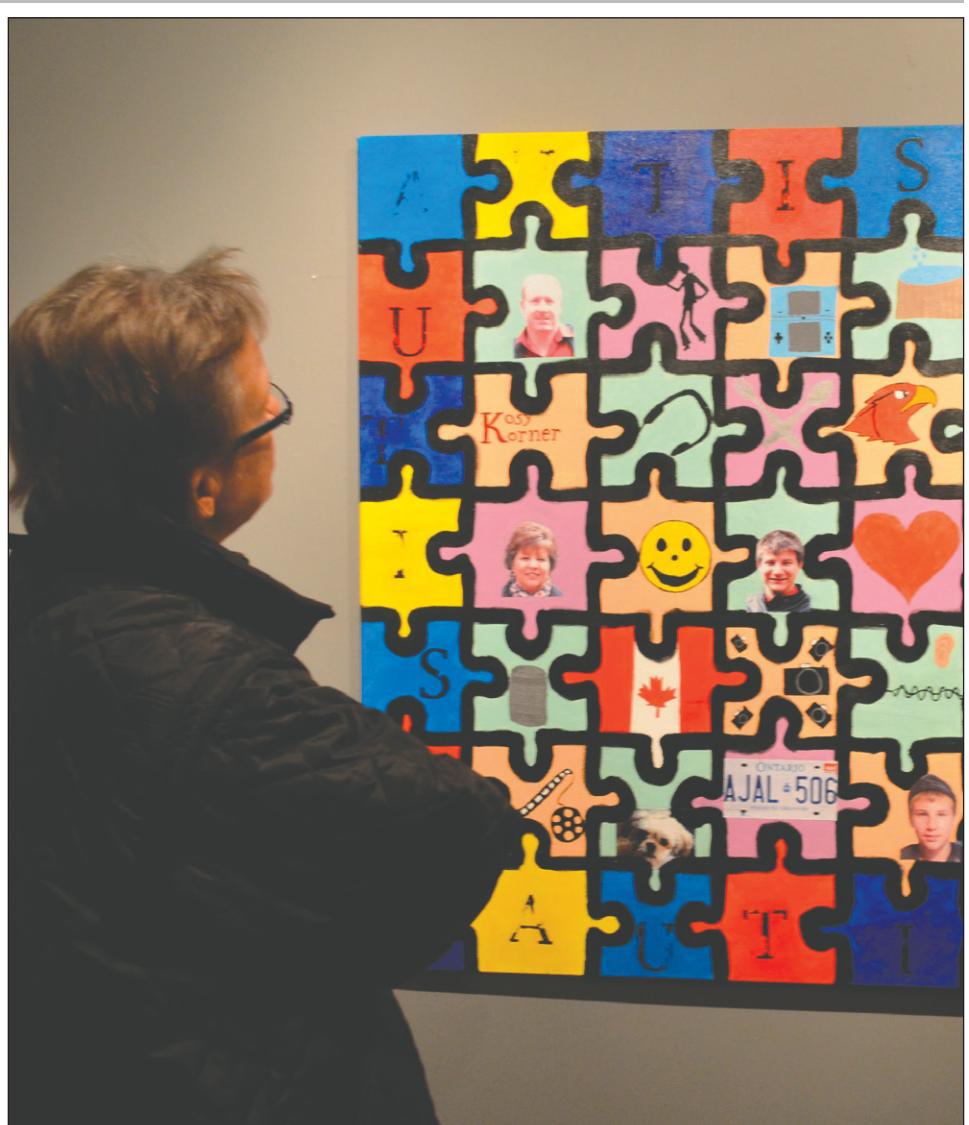
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Top left: HHSS student Andrew Jennings created his piece, entitled Spiral Freddie, to reflect the evolution of video gaming. He has offered to sell the piece to an interested buyer for \$67.35. Above: Gallery patrons visited the Rail's End Gallery to take in art created by HHSS students at an exhibition called (r)evolution.

There's a (r)evolution going on at Rail's End

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Students introducing their work to crowds of people at their art exhibition opening might have been nervous, but to their guests they came across as being eloquent and passionate – not to mention talented.

"I think it's important we take young people seriously," said Laurie Jones, Rail's End executive director. "They have good ideas and they think things through. They think a lot. What this show does every year, it captures a particular developmental stage in the life of a teenager, and more importantly in the life of a young adult."

The high school students are part of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) portfolio class and they met a busy crowd at the opening reception of (r) Evolution, which runs at the gallery until May 31. Parents were beaming while local artists, high school students and HHSS teachers visited the show to support the Grade 12 teenagers.

"This exhibition is important because it lets them work together as a team," said Jones. "They have to come up with the whole thing from the title to helping with the promotion

to creating the artwork. It's as close as they're going to get at this young age to having a big-time exhibition, really. It's really exciting for them and it's great for their families."

The exhibition showcases the pieces of 15 students and the artists created work with a variety of materials. Students created work based on the evolution of family or friendship, of nature and of progress – or lack thereof – in society. Some used pencil on paper, some introduced buttons or wire to their painting and one opted for video production to show the process behind the exhibition.

"This helps them to zoom in on some of those big subjects that you don't necessarily talk about with your friends or around the dinner table. When you match it up with a piece of artwork that you created and stand there in front of it and talk about it, it makes you really articulate your thoughts."

Some of the pieces are for sale, with prices ranging from \$67.35 – a price Andrew Jennings chose to be different – to \$1,300 for an acrylic and images on canvas piece created by Savannah MacAusland and dedicated to her autistic cousin, Ryan. MacAusland said half of the proceeds of a purchase would go to autism research.

The exhibition will run until May 31.

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Students immersed in art lessons

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Some of them have experience creating art, while others are letting their hands and imagination run free for the very first time.

Regardless of what they've done in the past, it's about where they're going that matters.

On April 1, several students at the Alternate Education and Training Centre (AETC) in Haliburton forayed into the creative process under the guidance of local glass artist Tom Green.

"I think that for a majority of them stained glass is new to them," said Dana Manning, who teaches English and art at the school. "It was all about introducing mediums which they might not have ever worked with."

At the AETC, students 16 and older can earn credits or upgrade skills. Some opt to get their high school diploma there instead of at a traditional high school.

Nearly a dozen students of different ages spent a week with Green to learn how to work with stained glass and create a variety of small items such as bugs and birds.

The art program is a compulsory course for some, while others took it as an elective.

"Some of them are doing multiple courses," explained Manning. "So they will be taking

art but they might be working from home, doing a course. Some of them are just strictly doing art right now and then after the six-week block they will continue into something else."

Although this was Green's first time teaching at the centre, he has been welcoming students to his studio for the past five years.

"When they need credits and have an interest in the arts, Lori [Sargent] or Dana will refer one or two of them," he said.

"In my studio they learn how to do stained glass and gardening."

Green, who is volunteering his time to work with the students, suffers from seasonal affective disorder (SAD) during the winter months. He finds that collaborating with the students helps brighten his spirits.

"This is taking me to a whole new other level. I don't need any medications when I have these kids around."

The students seem to be equally as enthusiastic when it comes to learning from Green.

"He's really funny," said 18-year-old Justin Irvine. "He gets me."

Irvine said he enjoyed the entire creative process, including cutting the glass.

"If you want to learn how to do stained glass go to Tom Green," he said emphatically.



Photos by Mark Arike

Top left: Glass artist Tom Green shows Sara Nicholls how to work with copper foil on her glass dragonfly. Above: Justin Irvine applies copper wire to his glass bug as part of the foiling process.

On the other side of the room, future photography student Cameron Anderson was creating two glass cardinals on a branch with Green's assistance.

"It's all fun," said Anderson, who is getting the credits needed to obtain her high school diploma.

The 17-year-old called the learning environment "a lot more relaxed" than high school.

"You can kind of work at your own pace," she said.

After she graduates, Anderson plans on

taking a year off before enrolling in the photography program at the University of Guelph-Humber.

Other local artists who are confirmed to work with the students include Barbara Joy Peel, Fay Wilkinson and Manning, who will be teaching photography.

On only the second day of the art class, Manning was all smiles as she looked around the busy classroom.

"It's a great opportunity, and I'm very proud of them for what they've accomplished so far," she said.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Nia Rose, left, learns about her schooling options from Fleming's Wendy Ladurantaye.

Fleming greets visitors at open house event

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Roughly 200 people, 70-80 of which were prospective students, made their way to Haliburton's Fleming College campus for the School of the Arts open house on April 5.

School dean Sandra Dupret said many of the students came to visit and look at the VCAD diploma program for next

year, along with the integrated design diploma program.

The open house took place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Current students and recent graduates provided tours of the campus, showing off the studio spaces including the new glass-blowing equipment.

Dupret said she expects 100 new enrolments in the fall, taken from approximately 250 applicants.

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Photo by Mark Arike

Barry Butler, owner of Butler Confectioners, left, and Jim DeFlorio, executive director of the local Big Brothers Big Sisters chapter, get a close look at the peanut brittle in the Haliburton-based production facility.

Peanut brittle sales to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's a fundraiser that anyone with a sweet tooth would have a hard time saying no to.

Barry Butler, owner of Butler Confectioners in Haliburton, is providing his tasty product – peanut brittle – to a number of non-profit organizations to help them boost funds and raise their profile.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton (BBBSKLH) is the latest organization to benefit from his philanthropic efforts.

"We thought it was a wonderful partnership to be able to get together and help kids," said Butler, who set up a charity foundation for fundraising through his business.

Butler recently provided the organization with 300 bags of his locally-made confection at a wholesale price. His company will work with BBBSKLH to promote and sell the product, and they will be able to keep the profits.

The work of the BBBSKLH was brought to Butler's attention by one of the organization's board members, who happens to be a business acquaintance.

Jim DeFlorio, executive director of the organization, said that since BBBSKLH is a community-based organization, it doesn't receive any government funding. The only funding the local chapter receives is from United Way, which covers approximately 20 per cent of their budget. Therefore, fundraising is crucial to the organization's success.

"It's pretty challenging for a small

organization of four people to do something like that," said DeFlorio. "Anytime we can develop a partnership like we are with Butler Confectioners, not only does it help us raise some funds, it helps us spread the word, increase our profile in the community."

With only one office in Lindsay, it can be difficult to make people aware that the organization serves Haliburton County.

"We are all over the place, however, we don't have an office here. We don't have a name. So it's pretty difficult to make sure everybody's aware of our services here," he said.

A press release states that BBBSKLH provides opportunities for volunteers to mentor children who can benefit from friendship with a caring adult role model. Volunteers, who must be at least 18 years old, either get together with children outside of the regular classroom hours or participate in the in-school mentoring program. Kids range between the ages of six and 16.

In Haliburton County, three boys and four girls are currently served by the program. Three boys in Haliburton and one girl in Cardiff are waiting to be matched up with an older mentor.

"The unique situation is that we have some volunteers who are screened and waiting to be matched with a little sister," said DeFlorio, pointing out that a big sister in Eagle Lake is waiting to be matched with a little sister. "She's actually willing to drive to Haliburton or Minden to be matched."

"We're hoping that as our name gets a little higher profile here, more families will reach out to us. I think every child can benefit from

having a mentor."

DeFlorio said the organization's mandate is to primarily service kids from single-parent families. Having another adult role model in their lives it does wonders for their self-esteem and confidence.

Both DeFlorio and Butler see this as the start of a long-lasting partnership.

"It's pretty exciting how far the tentacles of this could reach," said Butler.

Later this spring, he plans to invite participants and volunteers in the program to his peanut brittle factory for a day to get a tour of the operation and learn how to make the hard candy.

"Imagine you're a kid and you get to come to a candy factory with your 'big' and have a nice event, and learn how to make candy," said Gillian Brown, production manager for Butler Confectioners. "You're going to get to meet Willy Wonka himself and the oompa loompas."

Other organizations the business has supported include Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre, The Salvation Army, Shriners International, and Free the Children.

The peanut brittle for Big Brothers Big Sisters is currently available for purchase at the Sears store in Minden. DeFlorio said he is looking for other vendors interested in selling the product.

Those interested in mentoring, having their child mentored or selling peanut brittle should call 705-324-6800, email klh@bigbrothersbig sisters.info or visit [www.bigbrothersbig sisters.info](http://bigbrothersbig sisters.info).

Highlander life

Raising Babytwo

Typically when someone announces a second (or otherwise subsequent) pregnancy, they are met with elation and joy and curiosity about gender and idle chitchat about how to survive with more than one little nugget in the household.

When people approach my already larger-than-life bump (or are run into by it, really) containing the wee one we refer to as 'babytwo,' some have done so cautiously. Family, friends, doctors - even relative strangers - have skipped the pleasantries to ask about the chances of this baby, like our first, having Angelman Syndrome.

And that's okay.

On one hand, I suppose it might seem rude or uncaring. Would that person ask any mother about the chances of their unborn baby having a much more common disorder, say, Down syndrome? Although society is becoming more aware and open, these are things we don't generally say out loud - is there potentially something different about your baby? Do you worry about it?

But Justin and I welcome the discussion. We don't want our children to grow up in a world where people stare, use hushed voices or look away when they enter the

room. We want our kids to know that the only way we can all learn about each other and our differences - which we all have, in various shapes and sizes and to varying degrees - is to ask questions, engage in conversation and only become more compassionate for it. We don't want them to sidestep around disability or disease as if it's something to be ashamed of - we want them to dig deeper until they know what it's like to live with, and overcome, it.

For some, Minden seems like an odd choice to live with a kid with significant disabilities. SickKids, where Harper was flown last July was, well, a flight away. Kids with AS can have damaging seizures that are unrecognizable as seizures without an electroencephalography (EEG) machine, which our tiny village doesn't have.

Though an accessibility committee is working on it, most local businesses in town aren't particularly convenient for a kid who might spend a large part of her life in a wheelchair. There are more programs and therapy centres in a larger city - even a larger town.

But Minden is otherwise an ideal place for Harper - for any kid - to grow up.

It's possible to be seen quickly at the emergency department in the hospital. There is no - or a relatively short - waiting list for most therapies and generally the therapists come to us. You must have heard about how wonderful the staff and students at our local schools are when it comes to caring for their friends. When another local "AS mom" and I asked the community to give to support the cure that exists in theory for our children, this little place raised more than \$20,000 and a priceless amount of awareness - more than an entire nationwide campaign at a major restaurant chain in the United States. In a small town, it's possible for people to know who you are and what your life looks like and to be involved in it.

We don't worry for babytwo. We know this community will open its arms to that baby and help encourage and teach and protect him or her - just like it has for Harper. We know that having such a determined and strong and charming sister like Harper will positively impact their life, and that they too will be wonderful little creatures with curious minds and so much love to give.

Harper's chromosome deletion isn't

Girl on the Gull



By Sue Tiffin

hereditary - a second baby with her kind of Angelman Syndrome would be even rarer than Harper's chance of having it. That doesn't mean they will be born without the potential for countless other ailments or disorders or injuries, though, and it doesn't mean they'll necessarily fly through life unscathed, without the pain, hurt, suffering or challenges that many of us can't imagine but that any of us could encounter at any moment.

Recently when we heard an expectant mom say she didn't care what the gender was, as long as the baby was healthy, we knew better. What if that baby isn't healthy - would she have less love for it? We don't have that question anymore. We went into having a family knowing that children can bring endless worry and hoping to have a little someone or two that we could share our love with, unconditionally. So far, we've been more than blessed with love that always drowns out the worry, and that's all that matters.

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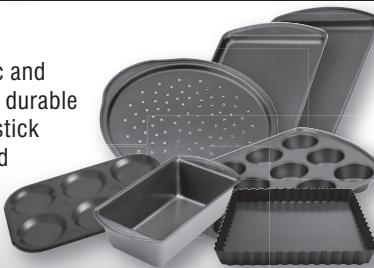
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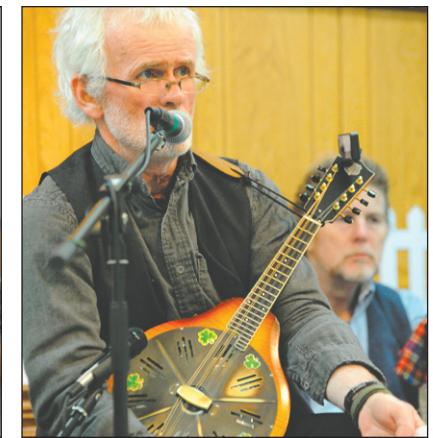
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Top: Jay Edmunds performs at the Haliburton Legion with Phil McMahon and his band. Left: Local artist Shelley Beach, left, presents Jane Jaycock a Giclee print of the Miners Bay Church that she created. Jaycock was lucky enough to win the prize. Right: Phil McMahon and his band perform at the 14th annual HHHS volunteer appreciation night.

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HHHS thanks those who help

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Volunteering has played a critical role in Varouj Eskedjian's life.

The president and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) got his start coaching his younger sister's soccer team as a teenager.

"When I had my kids and they grew up, I coached all of their sports teams," he told guests at the Haliburton Legion on April 7 during the HHHS 14th annual Volunteer Appreciation Night. "I'm sure many of you have done the same thing."

While attending university, he volunteered as a candy striper at Sick Kids hospital.

"It was a great experience because it really taught me about people that are in real need," he said. "And when you go to a place like Sick Kids you get an appreciation for the needs of those children, but also their families as well."

That's what got Eskedjian most excited about working in the health care industry. Even when he began working in the field, he continued volunteering. While employed at the psychiatric hospital in London, he ended up chairing the federated health campaign

for the entire area.

"It was my way of giving beyond sort of the paid position that I had," he said.

Eskedjian thanked all of the volunteers by saying that because of their efforts, the entire community benefits.

"Without you, this community couldn't be as strong as it is. It wouldn't be as healthy as it is."

Debbie Watson, patient care director and chief nursing officer for HHHS, thanked the Haliburton and Minden hospital auxiliary volunteers for raising funds for necessary equipment.

"The auxiliaries work endlessly and their hard efforts are felt throughout the whole organization," said Watson.

She also recognized SIRCH's hospice palliative care team.

"Their support is found in one of the hardest stages of our life for our patients and their families – and the support you give is invaluable."

At the event, guests were also treated to a buffet dinner and live entertainment from Phil McMahon and his band. Lucky volunteer Jane Jaycock won a framed giclee print which was donated by local artist Shelley Beach.

Highlander life



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Garnet Brown and Kalie Ma play Wii Bowling at Community Care in Haliburton.

A celebration of volunteers

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Beryl Gorin and Kalie Ma are two of 150 Community Care Haliburton County volunteers.

Together, the pair run weekly Nintendo Wii gaming sessions on Tuesday mornings for seniors who want to get out and socialize with their friends.

"It's the brightest spot in my week, and I hope it's the brightest spot in theirs," said Gorin.

She has been volunteering with Community Care for two years.

"I enjoy people," she said. "I like to keep them up and happy. They become like family because you see them every week, and each one of them is special. I enjoy being with them and hope to make them have a bright, happy morning."

Ma decided to volunteer a year and three months ago to get to know people in the community.

"As a person new to Canada and Haliburton, I think the best way to know people in the community is to go and volunteer," she said. "Especially, I like seniors a lot, and this I think is the best place."

She volunteers with the Wii program, Meals on Wheels, the Scotty Morrison

hockey tournament, and other fundraising initiatives.

"It's a nice way to be with people," she said. "I like the Wii the most. We have a group of people, every week you see them and get to know them."

Ma said she also gets to know the other volunteers.

Brigitte Gebauer, volunteer co-ordinator for the organization, said her volunteers are essential to Community Care's everyday operations and programming.

"We need them, every single one," she said.

With only nine staff, there's no way to meet the demand for services otherwise.

"We serve well over 1,000 clients," Gebauer said. "There's no way. When we look at the amount of hours, I think this year we're going to be up near 29,000 volunteer hours. You just shake your head and go 'wow.'"

Community Care is always seeking new volunteers to help out. Gebauer said a volunteer should have commitment, an open heart and want to help people.

"Somebody willing to give of themselves," she said.

For more information, or to volunteer, visit www.communitycarehaliburton.com or call Gebauer at 705-457-2941.

Facebook group says no pool hurts economy

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

County residents continue to pressure local government to build a swimming pool and recreation centre in the Village of Haliburton.

Their most recent initiative is a Facebook group where members are asked to post how much money they spend outside of the county while away for swimming lessons. The group, called Local

Haliburton Money Spent Elsewhere, currently has 88 members.

"A lot of my friends take their kids to Bracebridge, so I was kind of curious," said Carolyn Allder, the group's founder. "When we're out, we go for lunch or stop at Home Depot because it's there, [so I] wondered what other people [were] doing."

Allder said in the last two months her family has spent approximately \$500 during their trips to Bracebridge for

swimming lessons. That amount doesn't include the gas to get there, she said, as they tend to gas up before they leave.

"We wouldn't normally go to Home Depot or Wal-Mart because we believe how important it is to keep our money here," said Allder. "The times when we've gone shopping in Bracebridge is because it's purely convenient, not because we choose those businesses."

One resident on the Facebook group said they spent \$100 at Wal-Mart and

\$120 at Staples during their last visit to Bracebridge, while another spent \$125 on groceries in Huntsville while there to swim in the pool.

While some argue that people in the county can barely afford fuel to stay warm let alone taxes for a new pool, Allder says that's the wrong way to look at it.

"I'm hoping to open council's eyes as to all of the money that is just bleeding out of the county just simply because we don't have a pool."

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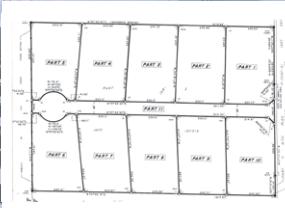


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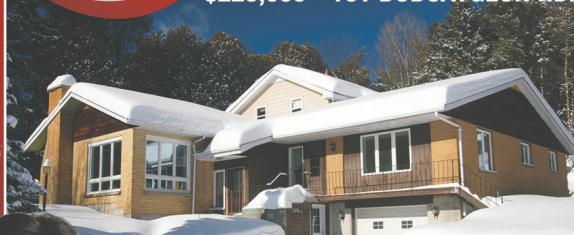
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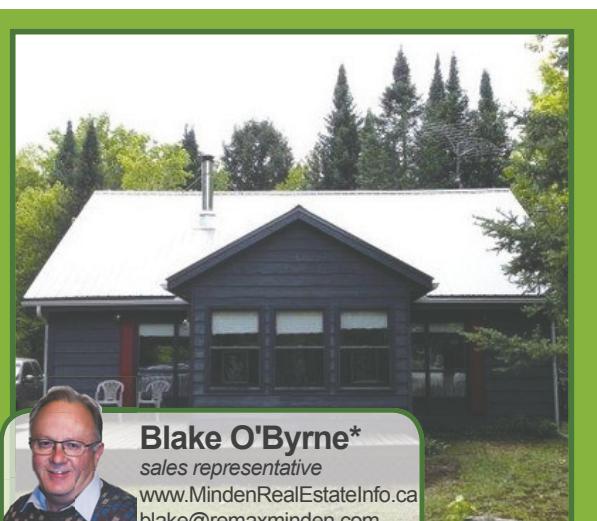
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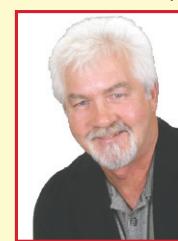


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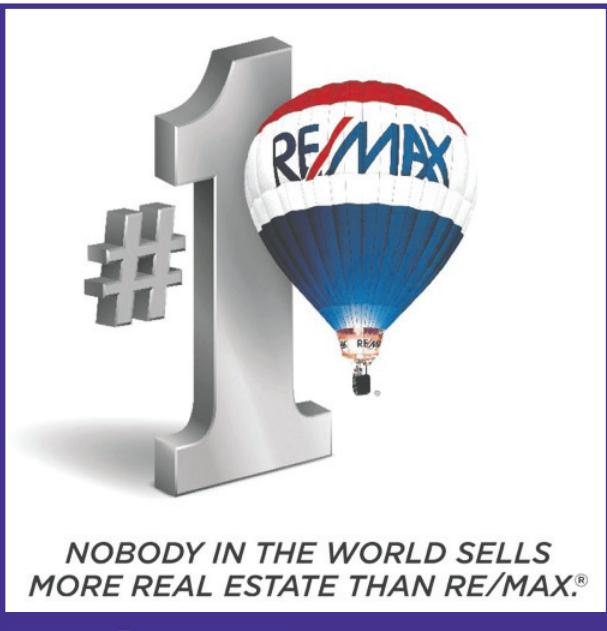


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Enviro Café draws concerned residents

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

On the first Tuesday of each month, the basement of the Minden United Church comes alive at night with the passion of concerned environmentalists.

The environmentalists – local residents who are interested in the Earth's plight and the government's involvement in environmental issues – gather together to share expertise, or to learn about a topic to better understand it.

Carolyn Coburn, the president of Environment Haliburton (EH), said the talks began when the Minden United Church teamed up with EH last October to initiate a group where people could get together and share ideas.

"I think a lot of people are worrying in isolation, and there's something worthwhile in getting together to say, 'you're not the only one worried about that,'" said Coburn.

The Enviro Café has taken place three times this year so far, with a dozen or more people dropping in to take part. In February, the group discussed climate change, and in March, the topic was ecological justice – looking at the idea that the "rich countries pollute, and the poor countries pay."

Coburn led April's group discussion, which was about the Earth charter, and on May 6 the group will participate in a talk about the issues surrounding water availability.

"As time passes, people are more and



Photo by Sue Tiffin

EH members gathered at the Minden United Church on April 1 to discuss the Earth charter.

more aware of how we have to educate ourselves," said Coburn. "They're concerned about environmental issues that aren't really covered in the media. If you really want to understand the issues, you have to take some time to look into them."

Coburn said that the group is open to anyone who is interested in participating, and that guests interested in speaking about an environmental topic they know well are always welcome to get involved. Although the group is informal, Coburn says it's

always possible they might find solutions to problems that affect local residents.

"Maybe there's something we can do in some sense so that we can stop feeling powerless."



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Darlene Buckingham and Shawn Arscott hold one of Buckingham's paintings titled "Dyno Mine Reflections." The piece depicts a decommissioned uranium mine on Dyno Road.

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Uranium doc earns spot in Rio film fest

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Seven years ago, Darlene Buckingham and Shawn Arscott began uncovering startling information about the nuclear industry and uranium. When they learned that a property only five minutes away from their home could be turned into an open-pit uranium mine, they decided to take action.

The Tory Hill couple attended several events where many local residents were fighting against what they believed to be a very real threat to their community. With a camera in hand, they captured over 40 hours of footage and pieced together their first-ever documentary, "U - A Story About Uranium and Us."

Now, their 40-minute production will gain some newfound attention as one of several films chosen to star at the 4th International Uranium Film Festival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

"We sent out our documentary to this film festival in 2010," said Buckingham. "We didn't hear back until this week."

They initially thought they were victims of a prank when the news popped up on Arscott's Facebook page on April Fool's Day (April 1).

"We sent them an email and they sent us a confirmation email back," said Buckingham. "Then they sent a list of all the films that had been selected."

Both were dumbfounded to find out their film would be part of a festival featuring many professionally produced documentaries made by well-known directors.

"I guess we kind of got to a point where we had thought we had done what we could with it," said Arscott. "You put it out and you try to see if there's any interest there. It was just all about awareness, helping people know that this does exist."

In 2006, Arscott and Buckingham left Pickering and moved to the Highlands. They didn't feel safe about living near the nuclear power station and wanted to discover a cleaner lifestyle in an area where they could set up their arts studio.

What they ended up getting was more than they bargained for.

"We came here looking for fresh air, clean water, and we moved around the corner from a potential open-pit uranium mine," Buckingham said.

She explained that uranium is a naturally-occurring mineral in the Earth that contains radioactive properties needed to power nuclear reactors and create nuclear weapons, and that Canada is the largest producer of uranium in the world.

Arscott and Buckingham never intended on making a documentary, but when the opportunity presented itself through 48 Create, a local filmmaking competition, they began

filming and conducting their own research. While the couple admits the production quality isn't the best, their sources in the film combined with the raw emotion captured at events seemed to make up for that. The festival's organizer, Tammy Rea, helped them edit their material.

"It was received well," said Arscott, referring to the local reaction following the film's screening at the Haliburton International Film Festival in 2008. "People thought it was great and educational."

In it, doctors and representatives of organizations, such as Physicians for Global Survival, can be seen speaking about the dangers of uranium mining and the potential adverse health effects. The couple eventually discovered that their drinking water contained

high levels of uranium and that radon gas was detected in their home.

"Our intention with this film is to give the other side, to show how actual real community members were reacting in real-time to this news of an open-pit uranium mine in Haliburton County," said Darlene.

In 2008, Haliburton County and Bancroft were actively being staked and claimed for potential uranium and mining exploration. However, with the crash in uranium prices and the stock market, many companies in the industry went down with it, including Bancroft Uranium.

"Here they [Bancroft Uranium] just kind of tore up the land and left it like that," he said.

At this time, they don't have plans to attend the upcoming festival, which runs from May 14-24 at the Museum of Modern Art.

"We'd like to go," said Darlene. "It's bad timing. We're planting our garden. It's expensive. Right now we have no plans, but we're not discounting it."

Landing a spot on the world stage in their fight against uranium and the nuclear industry provides them a great deal of satisfaction.

"This is pretty significant because what is happening now is more countries around the world are actually joining together into raising awareness of what the nuclear industry is doing to the world," said Buckingham, adding that Canada is "lagging behind" when it comes to shifting towards a renewable future.

"Ontario is a nuclear province. Fifty two per cent of our energy is from nuclear energy. This is a very expensive and high-maintenance energy and is one of the reasons why our energy bills are increasing."

Arscott said that embarking on this journey was like opening up a can of worms.

"Once it's open, you can't close it," he said. "The more you get into it, the more you learn, the more you start to go grey."

In addition to their work on the film, the local activists are involved in interventions with the new Darlington nuclear reactor projects and the proposed deep geological repository in Kincardine.

Highlander sports

Young curlers fourth at championship

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A group of young curlers from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School finished in fourth place out of 68 teams at the 27th annual Tim Hortons Timbits Provincial Curling Championship. Three teams from the Haliburton Curling Club represented the school at the event, which was held at the Gravenhurst Curling Club from April 2-6.

"I think all three teams played exceptionally well," said Bob MacNaull, one of the coaches and convenor of the youth program at the Haliburton Curling Club.

The championship event was open to students in Grades 4-8.

The fourth place team from JDH consisted of skip Chris Draper, vice Dustin DeBruin-McCready, second Brian Wheeler and lead Brayden Warburton. The Grade 8 students were runners-up in the bronze medal game, losing 6-5 to a team from The Stewart Public School.

"It came down to the very last end of the very last shot, actually," he recalled. "It's quite exciting for parents, the coaches and the players in particular."

According to MacNaull, this was the best finish for a team representing the school in the history of the bonspiel.

Although the event was competitive, MacNaull said the emphasis has always been on having fun.

"When you're having fun it doesn't matter who wins. That's the main goal in Timbits curling," he said.

The team of skip Jessica Bryers, vice Jonah Aldon, second Lena Haase and lead Micah Aldon finished with one win and three losses. The team of skip Emily Parish, vice Emma Casey, second Holly Parish, and leads Mackenzie Tidey and Ania Smolen left with three wins and one loss.

Team Fisher of McDougall Public School in Parry Sound took the championship title.

The other coaches from the Haliburton club included Ron Draper and Terry Lawrence.



Photos submitted by the Gravenhurst Curling Club

Top: Team Parish. From left are Hugh Nichol, coach; Emily Parish, skip; Emma Casey, vice; Holly Parish, second; Ania Smolen, lead; and Mackenzie Tidey, lead. Above left: Team Draper. From left are Ron Draper, coach; Chris Draper, skip; Dustin DeBruin-McCready, vice; Brian Wheeler, second; and Brayden Warburton, lead. Above right: Team Aldon. From left are Micah Aldon, lead; Jonah Aldon, vice; Lena Haase, second; Jesica Byers, skip; and coach Bob MacNaull.

Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, March 31
Men
 High average: Ken Thompson – 206
 High single: Bill Fry – 238
 High single handicap: Bill Fry – 291
 High triple: Bill Fry – 626
 High triple handicap: Bill Fry – 684

Women
 High average: Chris Cote – 193
 High single: Solveg Stout – 175
 High single handicap: Millie Payne – 264
 High triple: High triple:

Anne Lampman – 445
 High triple handicap: Millie Payne – 693

Monday night, March 31
Men
 High average: Bill Fry – 207
 High triple: Bill Fry – 207
 High single: Rick West – 207
 High single: Fred Hartlen – 237
 High single handicap: Fred Hartlen – 295
 High triple: Doug Reinwald – 295
 High triple handicap: Ed White – 787

Women
 High average: High average:

Cathy Snell – 220
 High single: Cathy Snell – 280
 High single handicap: Cathy Snell – 284
 High triple: Cathy Snell – 657
 High triple handicap: Loretto Cummings – 687

Tuesday afternoon, April 1
Men
 High average: Claude Cote – 203
 High single: Chris Hill – 282
 High single handicap: Chris Hill – 328
 High triple: High triple:

Ken Thompson – 748
 High triple handicap: Ken Thompson – 808

Women
 High average: Chris Cote – 189
 High single: Anne Lampman – 204
 High triple: Tina Hadley – 474
 High triple handicap: Tina Hadley – 654

Wednesday night, April 2
Men
 High single: Connor – 230

Women
 High single: Sandy G – 163

Thursday afternoon, April 3
Men
 High average: Gerry Wagg – 177
 High single: Ed Braithwaite – 224
 High triple: Tina Hadley – 474
 High triple handicap: Tina Hadley – 654

Wednesday night, April 2
Men
 High single: Connor – 230

Women
 High average: Gloria Wagg – 175
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Hair-razing event for autism awareness

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Brianne Pockett said nobody really thought the students and staff at HHSS could raise more than \$1,000 for autism awareness in a single day.

The educational assistant was surprised when teachers at the school began volunteering to have their hair shaved if the student body could reach financial targets during the April 2 Light It Up Blue campaign. The campaign celebrates the international autism community and World Autism Awareness day.

Martin Gage offered to shave his head if the donations reached \$250. Dan Fockler offered to shave his beard, which was long enough to braid prior to the event, if the donations reached \$500. Principal Dan Marsden offered to have his head, which he called 'follicly-challenged,' painted blue if the donations reached \$750. And if the donations reached \$1,000, Bruce Griffith made a joke in the staffroom that Pockett made sure he didn't forget.

"When Griffith volunteered to get a mohawk if we raised more than \$1,000, no one thought we had a hope of getting there," she said.

Griffith looked the most nervous on April 3 at a lunchtime shaving ceremony, when Pockett – nervous herself to be brandishing an electric razor for the first time – entertained students and staff by

holding the teachers to their promises. A crowd gathered at lunch to watch the transformation as Pockett shaved hair from the volunteers.

"I almost cried," she said of the total amount, which had reached \$1,045 on Thursday afternoon. "It's beyond anything I expected. It was really like Christmas for me. Shaving that beard off of Dan Fockler's face was on my bucket list."

The event began when HHSS teacher Michelle Shapiera, whose adult son has pervasive developmental disorder, approached Pockett about the global autism awareness Light It Up Blue campaign. Judi Paul, practical academics and life skills teacher, was next to join in preparing for the event and students began creating blue bracelets, and then baked goods, to sell for donations.

NHL player and Olympian Matt Duchene, son of HHSS guidance counselor Chris Duchene, donated a shirt and autographed picture to the cause. Pockett said she wanted to increase the funds, set the goals high, and get others involved, so she started asking Fockler to get involved in the hopes of shaving his beard. Last week, Pockett said Fockler told her to "do what you have to do," and after asking permission from his wife, she began advertising the extra incentive to raise funds.

"By noon on April 2, I knew Fockler was toast," she said.

Gage said he volunteered to have his head



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Staff at HHSS volunteered their hair and heads to raise funds for autism awareness. From left are principal Dan Marsden, and teachers Bruce Griffith, Dan Fockler and Martin Gage.

shaved "just for fun" and expected the students would be able to raise the \$250 necessary to have him do it. He said he had experienced baldness before, and that after the shave he felt colder.

"It was really a team effort," said Pockett, who explained the custodians at the school were helping to hang the puzzle pieces that students received for donating to the cause.

Marsden agreed that it was a team effort

and said the event was important to help students be aware of the challenges their peers might face.

"It shows school spirit and it's good for our community," he said of the event. "It shows that it's okay to be different and encourages the students to share in life experiences with people so that we can live and work together."

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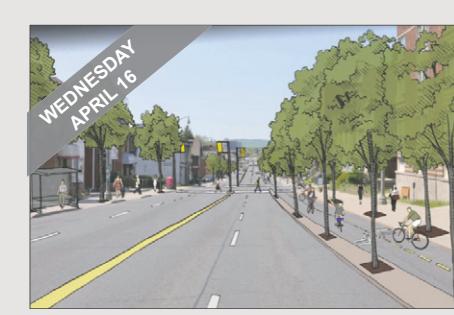
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Author engages kids in the world of writing

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Author Ted Staunton didn't just read a book to the kids at Stuart Baker Elementary School on April 5.

Instead, he showed them how his popular book *Puddleman* got started 31 years ago. It started off as a homemade book that he had created as a youngster, just like the books the students make.

He showed them his writing process and how he crosses some ideas out and adds others in later, just like when they make mistakes or have extra ideas.

He showed them the drawings his illustrator had created, and told them how she went back to the drawing board because she didn't like how they were turning out, so the students could learn that it didn't have to be perfect the first time.

"It's an opportunity for kids to connect to the human element behind a finished project," said Staunton. "I want to make it clear to kids that this is something anybody can engage in."

When Staunton taught the word 'publisher,' to the kids, they began giggling at the sound of it. In a question and answer period, they had time to share their own ideas and to ask questions of him.

Staunton gave the kids confidence and inspiration, and when he was done doing that, he played the banjo so they could enjoy some silly time pretending to be chickens clucking along to the song. The kids were also enthralled by the giant prop peanut butter sandwich Staunton had brought along for his trip.

"They loved it. They were so engaged and Ted's amazing with them," said J.D. Hodgson Elementary School (JDH) teacher Maiya Merritt, who organized the event. "He was getting them involved and excited about it. He was fantastic."



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Ted Staunton reads his book, *Puddleman*, to the Stuart Baker Elementary School students.

"You're the best author I know," said one student to Staunton after the event.

Staunton has written more than 40 books for various ages and has been acknowledged with several literary awards. He is currently nominated for the 2014 Red Maple Fiction award for his novel *Jump Cut*.

After his visit with the Stuart Baker kids,

Staunton met with JDH teachers to plan a five-day writing and publishing workshop with six classes. The students will create and publish their own works, which will be on display at the Haliburton County Library and the JDH library in June. Funding for the book-publishing project was made possible by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board

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"Kids are always going to read. There's also going to be room for people to listen to a story or read a story on their own terms," said Staunton.



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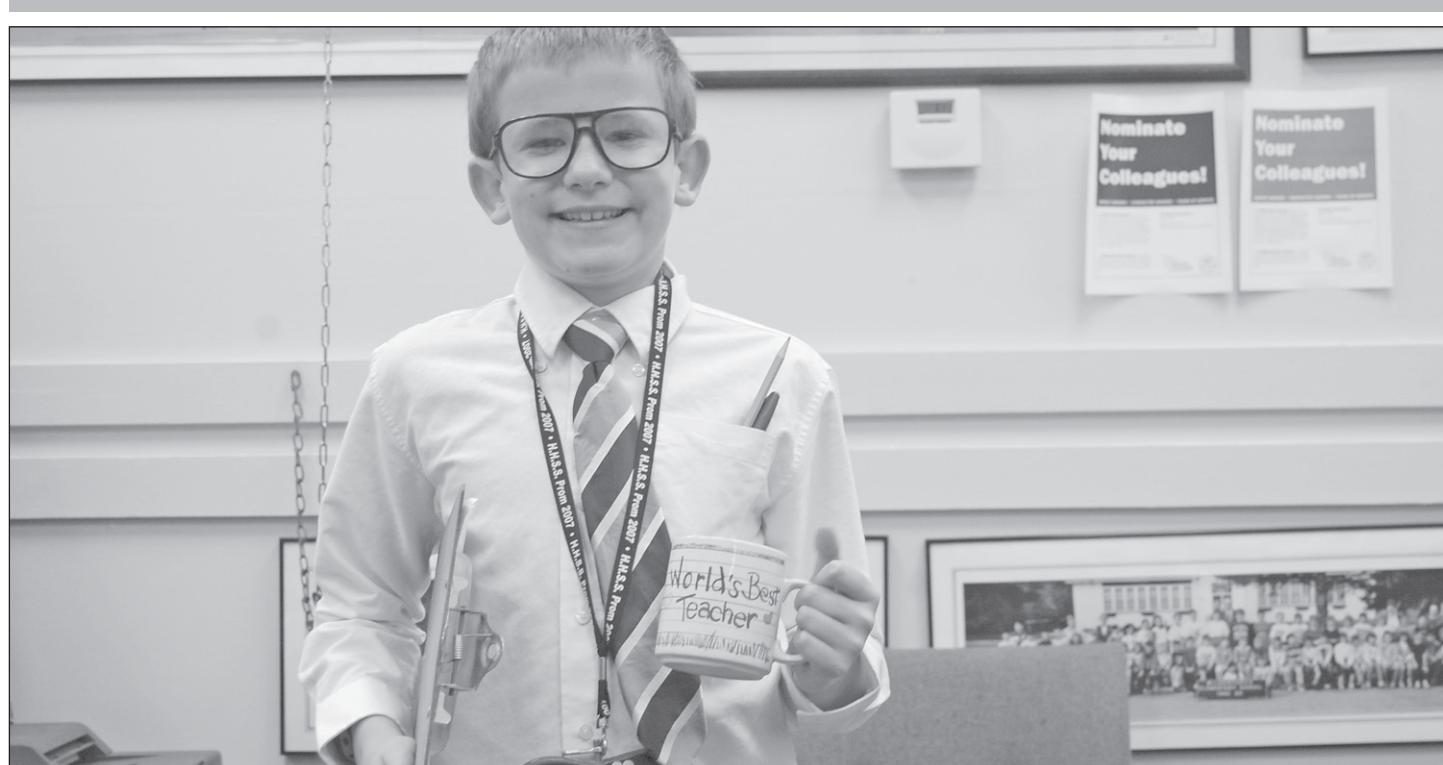


Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Desi Davies earned a third place finish in Peterborough for his speech, *What Teachers Do When They're Not Teaching*.

Student talks his way to bronze

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Wilberforce Elementary School Grade 5 student Desi Davies isn't afraid to speak in public.

In fact, he loves it.

Davies has competed in public speaking competitions since Grade 1. Most recently, he represented his school in Peterborough on March 22 for the zone competition, finishing in third place.

His speech, *What Teachers Do When They're Not Teaching*, is a part fact, part fiction comedy speech designed to make listeners laugh.

"I kind of made this up, because I try to go

for the most hilarious speech every year," he said.

The most obvious is that teachers prepare their next-day lessons. But they also act scholarly, reading books and all that.

"Or, perhaps they spend all their time making up more rules," he said.

Both of his parents are teachers.

"Trust me, this isn't a true speech," said Davies.

He starts his creative process by brainstorming speech ideas, writing them down and figuring out what works and what doesn't.

"When I'm writing, I learn that some ideas may make sense, and some may not. But the ones that don't would often be funny, so those are the ones I go with."

When he's got the writing done, Davies practices the delivery. The speech must be three to five minutes long, and he is judged on eye contact, clear speaking, and facial expressions. He works off his

sheet the first few times, slowly memorizing the speech so he doesn't have to use the paper when he's presenting in front of the judges.

Then, it's go time.

"I like speaking in front of people and making them laugh," he said. "Another reason [I like it] is because I get money if I place first, second or third, and I wouldn't want to miss out on that."

Davies also knows the competition is teaching him life skills like public speaking, writing, brainstorming and improving on ideas.

"If you're a big council member, you can do a speech to debate something against someone else," he said. "If you're going for mayor or prime minister, you'd have to tell them why you want to be whatever you want to be."

Davies said he wants to continue competing in public speaking contests for as long as he can.

"It's really fun to do, and you can come up with a bunch of different topics and people could enjoy your speech."



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By Austin McGillion

Allow me to invite you upon a journey to the kingdom of Drangleic, a place where souls can mend your ailing mind, where one can go toe to toe with massive demons and the undead. Come with me on a journey through the tormented halls and gorgeous fields of Dark Souls 2.

Dark Souls 2 is prominent in the eyes of many role playing game (RPG) fans. It's the sequel to what some gamers call the hardest RPG ever. The original Dark Souls was known for punishing gameplay, where players were never given an easy path through their journey.

When compared to the original, Dark Souls 2 doesn't disappoint.

It features everything you would typically find in a RPG of this type: demons, ghosts, foul creatures and weapons of legendary power forged from the souls of the fallen enemy. Oh yes, and a surprising twist for those not familiar with the "Souls" series, you lose the currency you earn to purchase items and level up your character every time your pawn's life meets an unfortunate demise. Should your "Chosen Undead" fall before they can collect their "mark of death" you will forfeit those souls for all eternity.

While there are many treasures to be sought, one should always be wary of devious traps and toxins, none more ferocious or clever than the mimic. This game is not generally based around the thrills but more the story, experience, and determination to see the game through again and again and again with increasing difficulty as you go from new game to new game.

Go on a breathtaking expedition through gorgeous fields, dark castles and torturous prisons. If you are just jumping into the "Souls" series, you may find the outer shell to be a game that will punish you thoroughly for every misstep and miscalculation, but the rewards for breaking through that daunting outer shell are worthwhile.

Namco Bandai and From Software have made another excellent title available for the PS3 and XBOX360 consoles. When asked why they didn't move to the next gen consoles, the director of Namco simply said he felt that they didn't need to make the jump to next gen.

This is a great game and many people should enjoy playing it.

Oh and do hold onto your souls. We wouldn't want you going hollow now, would we?

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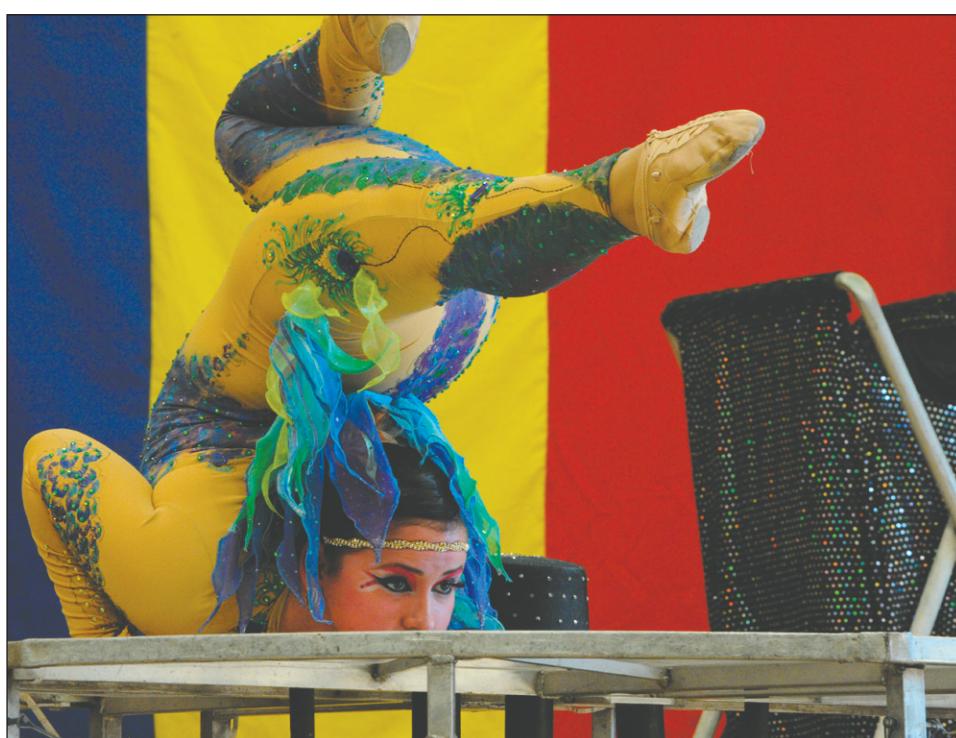


Photo by Mark Arike

Contortionist Zaira Davenport gets a round of applause after displaying her flexibility.

Circus fun rolls into town

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

There weren't any big tents or elephants in town, but children and families were still treated to the circus experience at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on April 9.

Acrobats, jugglers, daredevils, clowns and aerialists were featured during two

interactive performances as part of the Family Fun Circus. Kids and adults had their faces painted, enjoyed cotton candy and picked up souvenirs at the toy stand.

The family-owned and operated travelling show tours throughout the U.S. and Canada.



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Photo by Sue Tiffin

The Golden Notes Youth Ensemble performed two songs as part of the Highlands Musical Instrument Bursary Concert at St. George's church on April 5.

HHSS student wins inaugural bursary for new instrument

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Mika Titze was doing homework at the back of the church when her music teacher announced she was the recipient of a \$2,500 musical instrument bursary.

Titze is the first recipient of the award, which was initiated by music teacher Bethany Houghton and raised through donations from the community. Houghton hopes the award will become an annual

prize for a deserving high school student in need of a musical instrument to improve their skills or pursue their musical passion.

The award was given on April 5 at the Highlands Musical Instrument Bursary Concert at St. George's Anglican Church, where two ensembles, a string trio and a Celtic jam, performed for donations.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents invites you to attend their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Haliburton Curling Club, 730 Mountain Street, Haliburton

Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm
RSVP 705-457-5345 by April 30.



Haliburton Highlands Chapter 54

FREE WALK-IN TAX CLINICS

CARP Chapter 54 is planning a number of free walk-in Tax Clinics to help low income residents and seniors fill out their income tax and benefit returns.* Dates and locations are as follows:

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*PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers do not complete returns for deceased persons or their beneficiaries, bankrupt individuals, or individuals who have capital gains or losses, employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Highlands Summer Festival, a not-for-profit charitable theatre company, will be held TUESDAY APRIL 22, 2 p.m. at The Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre York Street in Haliburton

Financial Report
Report From the President
Update on the 2014 season
Election of Members of the Board of Directors

This meeting is open to the public. Only members may vote. (Members are defined as anyone having made a donation to the company since April 29, 2013.) For more information contact the president, Jack Brezina, at 705-286-1958.

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Our lives will be forever changed having known and loved Jean.

Meghan, Alyssa and Families

OBITUARIES

Robert Norman Thompson

Bob passed away peacefully at home on Monday, April 7, 2014. In his 89th year.

Beloved husband of Lyn. Dear father of "Buzz" (Lynn) of Haliburton, Douglas (Jacqueline) of Ottawa, Scott (Margaret) of Tottenham, Karen (Dan) of Haliburton and Rossland, B.C., Craig (Maggie) of Toronto, Vicki (Paul) of Burlington. Loving grandpa of Kyle, Chianne, Chantal, Stefen, Ashley, Bradley, Dale, Todd, Marcus, Matthew, Jessie and Evan. Predeceased by his brothers Rod and Dick. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service of Celebrate his Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Room at the church. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton United Church or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the 4 C's would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0.



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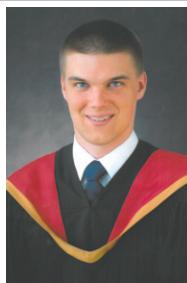
March 12, 1982 – April 6, 2014

Our family is deeply saddened to announce that John died suddenly and unexpectedly in hospital in Ottawa due to an acute medical illness. Cherished son of Paul and Janet Heffer of Minden and brother of Matthew Heffer of Toronto. Loved by his many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral service to be held in the chapel at the Funeral Home on Friday, April 11, 2014 at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Five Counties Children's Centre, Nature Conservancy Canada or a charity of your choice.

Although John may be gone, the energy, spark and spirit that he brought to each of us will live forever.



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Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Sunday morning, April 6, 2014 in her 94th year. Beloved wife of the late Lloyd McNeely. Loving mother of Sylvia (John Hill) of Wilberforce. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Val, Melissa, Lorne, Gary, Brian, Ed and Gail and by her great grandchildren William, Ryeanna, Allen, David, Burt and Christine. Dear sister of Mary and Elsie. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her son Gilbert. Gladys enjoyed baking and making bread. She volunteered at the Red Cross Hospital at Wilberforce and was faithful member of Harcourt Community Chapel.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HAROURT COMMUNITY CHAPEL 1054 Old Harcourt Road, Harcourt, Ontario on Wednesday morning, April 9, 2014 from 10 until time of Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. Interment later South Wilberforce Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to Harcourt Community Chapel would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, April 5, 2014, with her loving husband at her side, at the age of 83.

Alice L. Pepin and Viateur L. "Vic" Poulin were married on April 6, 1948 and Alice passed away one day before their 66th wedding anniversary. Predeceased by her loving children; Diane, Joseph, Jules, Louise and Bernard. Beloved daughter of the late Henri Pepin and Ernestine Plante. Alice was one of 18 children and is survived by her sisters Lucille and Denise and by her brother Rene. She also fondly remembered by her nieces Carole, Guislaine, Patricia, Yvonne, Diane, Suzanne, by her nephews Armand, Raymond, Roger, and also by many more nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Alice has been cremated in accordance to her wishes. Interment will take place at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington at a later date. Private family arrangements.

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What's on

B-boys dance into Haliburton

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Some of Canada's best street dancers will be coming to Haliburton this weekend to bring b-boying to the community.

On April 12, the members of BBoyizm Dance Company will offer a street dance workshop at the A.J. LaRue Arena prior to their live performance the following day at 2 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

"The company has seven dancers," said Yvon Soglo, artistic director and choreographer for BBoyizm. "Wherever we go, we always make sure that we get involved in more than just our performance."

Soglo, also known as "Crazy Smooth," and his dancers will be performing one of their three touring pieces titled "Evolution of BBoying." The event is part of the Razzamataz Kids' Shows! series.

"The Evolution of BBoying is an interactive show where we go back into time and take the audience through a journey on where dance started," said Soglo.

B-boying got its start in the early 1970s. In their production, audiences get a look at the decades in which this acrobatic style of dance has evolved. Their outfits and music selection will reflect the b-boy movement.

Soglo said the art form continues to thrive today because those within the culture have embraced "battling."

"We'll demonstrate what a battle is," he said. "A lot of people have probably seen it in movies, YouTube or reality TV shows, but we're going to show them how it's done live."

The audience will be able to participate by deciding on who they believe should win the battle, and some may be invited to participate in the show on stage.

This show has something for everyone, promises Soglo.

"We have this ability to get the young people to come out and see our shows, but also the adults. All different generations come and witness live performance."

After Sunday's performance, the audience



Photos by Jonathan Maher
The BBoyizm Dance Company will be in Haliburton on April 12.

will have an opportunity to mix and mingle with the dancers during a question and answer session.

Tickets for the show are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children, and those two and under get in free.

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- 3+ bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3928 sq ft living space
- Close to beaches, skiing, fine dining
- Sunroom, hardwood floors, games room
- Lower level walkout to gorgeous yard
- Many recent upgrades, year round comfort



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RIVERFRONT NEAR EAGLE LAKE \$74,900

- 200 ft water frontage on 1.5 acres
- Level cleared areas, driveway, hydro at lot line
- Private year round road
- 1 km to Eagle Lake beach/boat launch
- Great nature lover's retreat



DEEP BAY ROAD \$428,000

- Custom finished country home
- Energy efficient R2000 construction
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, finished basement
- Detached garage and workshop
- 1.39 acres near Minden, Bob Lake, Gull Lake, Gull River



LOOP ROAD \$119,500

- Spacious 3 bdrm in-town home, walking distance to all amenities & school
- View of Dark Lake from the living room.
- Upgraded high efficiency oil furnace, most of the windows
- Walkout basement, deck off dining rm overlooks a large back yard
- Public dock and boat launch are across the road



INCREDIBLE VALUE \$385,000

- 2,200 square foot, 6 bedroom, beautifully renovated home on a
- Large riverfront lot connecting 2 lakes
- Hardwood floors, stone fireplace, garage, boathouse and a storage building
- Call me for a complete list of upgrades including decks, windows, insulation and more



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TWELVE MILE LAKE \$1,495,900

- Luxurious 6 bedroom, 4 bath, built 2012
- Gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors
- Cathedral ceilings, fireplace, master with ensuite
- Lower level family room, 36' X 30' garage
- Walk-out to 275 feet of beautiful shoreline



DRAG LAKE \$800,000

- 284 feet of shoreline, western exposure
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, four season
- Open-concept, wood floors, fireplace
- Extremely private, attached garage
- 12 minutes to Haliburton Village



BRADY LAKE \$179,900

- Fantastic building lot
- Septic already installed
- Site cleared
- Super southern exposure



KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE \$649,000

- Superb lake house
- Outstanding bunkie/boathouse
- High-end everything
- Close to Haliburton on the 5 lake chain
- Main floor living at its finest



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CUSTOM BUILT! \$559,900

- 2552 square feet of luxury living
- 3+2 bedrooms, 2 washrooms
- Walk-out fully finished basement
- Extensive upper and lower decking
- Fully furnished and ready to enjoy!



4 SEASON USE \$549,999

- 6 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,688 square feet
- 140 feet of waterfront with clean shoreline
- Sunset exposure, extensive decking
- Hot tub, lakeside shed, dock
- Year round access, turn-key set up!



MINNICOCK LAKE RD \$109,000

- 2 bedroom mobile home on 10 acre lot with garage
- Property abouts Crown Land
- Close to trails and Minnicock Lake
- Affordable opportunity for 1st time buyer or retirement retreat



CONTAU LAKE \$309,900

- 4 bedroom custom cottage built in 2006
- Open concept with loads of windows
- Private well treed lot with 142 feet of frontage
- Ideal opp to finish off with your own touches
- Good boating and fishing for Pickerel and Muskie



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ABSOLUTE STUNNER! \$275,000

- 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2200 sq ft living space
- Almost 400 ft riverfront, 2.85 acres
- Walkout to huge deck, lower level screen porch
- 9 year new Royal Home, open concept
- Year round access, endless possibilities



PRIVATE SETTING \$249,900

- 3+1 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,700 square foot home
- 8.8 acres to enjoy trails and wildlife
- Detached garage, storage shed
- Master bedroom balcony, finished lower level
- Close to town, year round access



GREAT STARTER HOME \$174,900

- 2+1 bedroom, 2 washroom home
- Close to the town of Haliburton
- Full, finished, walk-out basement
- Ideal set-up for a "Granny" suite
- New Furnace, oil tank and carpets



ESTATE POINT LOT \$1,250,000

- 3+ bedroom, 2 bath, 2000 sq ft living space
- 985 ft frontage offering multiple views
- Detached double garage, wet slip boathouse
- ICF construction, Timber Frame entry
- Rare chance to own this "Estate Setting"



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CUSTOM WATERFRONT HOME \$729,900

- 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3038 sq ft living space
- 107 ft sand frontage
- 22 ft pine ceilings, stone fireplace
- Floor to ceiling windows, custom kitchen
- Stunning expansive southern view



PINE LOG HOME - \$474,900

- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1978 sq ft living space
- 110 feet clean deep shoreline
- Sunset view over 2 lake chain
- Cathedral ceiling, full walkout basement
- Year round access off Highway 35



EXECUTIVE RETREAT \$424,000

- 3+2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,406 square feet
- 150 feet of waterfront, 1.61 acres
- Custom kitchen, skylights, games room
- Short boat ride to Gull Lake
- Year round access off Highway 35



PRIVACY PLUS \$329,900

- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,324 sq ft home/cottage
- 340 feet of natural shoreline
- Expansive view of the lake and Crown Land
- Wrap around decking, dock area
- River rock floor to ceiling fireplace



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